

Roskens cites education as culprit in society's disruptions

By BETH DeMERELL

"Education — and in particular higher education — has been regarded as one of the cornerstones of liberty throughout our history. That very small band of Englishmen that settled the Massachusetts Bay Colony quite obviously considered higher education to be a high priority, because, as one writer wryly observed regarding the founding of Harvard College in 1636, they 'built themselves a college almost before they built themselves a privy,'" said Ronald Roskens.

Roskens, University of Nebraska president, discussed the issues, problems and opportunities facing education today at UNO's Academy, Business and Community Breakfast held Nov. 21.

The ABC Breakfast series, now in its 13th year, is a "brainchild" of Roskens. Roskens said it was a privilege to be standing on the platform. "I consider it a rare and unusual honor. Never did I dream that I might someday be invited to participate from this vantage point."

He told the audience of about 400 that for most, the idea that education is of the utmost importance is second nature. And yet, "even a cursory review of our historical antecedents re-

cur, whether they be social, political or economic — education seems to become the culprit.

Although Roskens saw this as understandable, he said what troubles him is that the responses are "reflexively mundane."

Roskens cited a couple examples to show this. "We lament the shortage of highly qualified teachers for our elementary and secondary schools. We assume blithely — and I think inappropriately — that the problem can be eliminated merely by increasing compensation. And then we refuse to pay."

"We express concern regarding the representation of minorities studying in colleges and universities. Yet, we don't realize somehow that this problem cannot be rectified by ambitious rhetoric, no matter how well intentioned it is. And we go ahead and cut the social programs that might impel these groups toward more meaningful participation."

Everyone needs to make some prior commitment to act, said Roskens. There is a reasonable prospect for success, he said, but the answer requires recognition of some compelling national statistics.

Roskens said there are about 3,000 colleges and universities in the United States today and they enroll a total of 12.5 million students. And yet, the number of black doctorate candidates in engineering in 1981 was only 27.

Roskens also cited that demographic studies reveal population shifts from the middle west to the south and southwest.

My home state of Iowa, for example, is a state that has in it, mostly people aged 50 and older — younger people are leaving.

Roskens said that by the year 2000 several states will have "minority majorities."

He stated that these trends and the fact that 30 percent of our population is functionally illiterate will require adaptability for those in higher education.

Roskens listed several issues and concerns included in the higher education agenda at both the national and state level.

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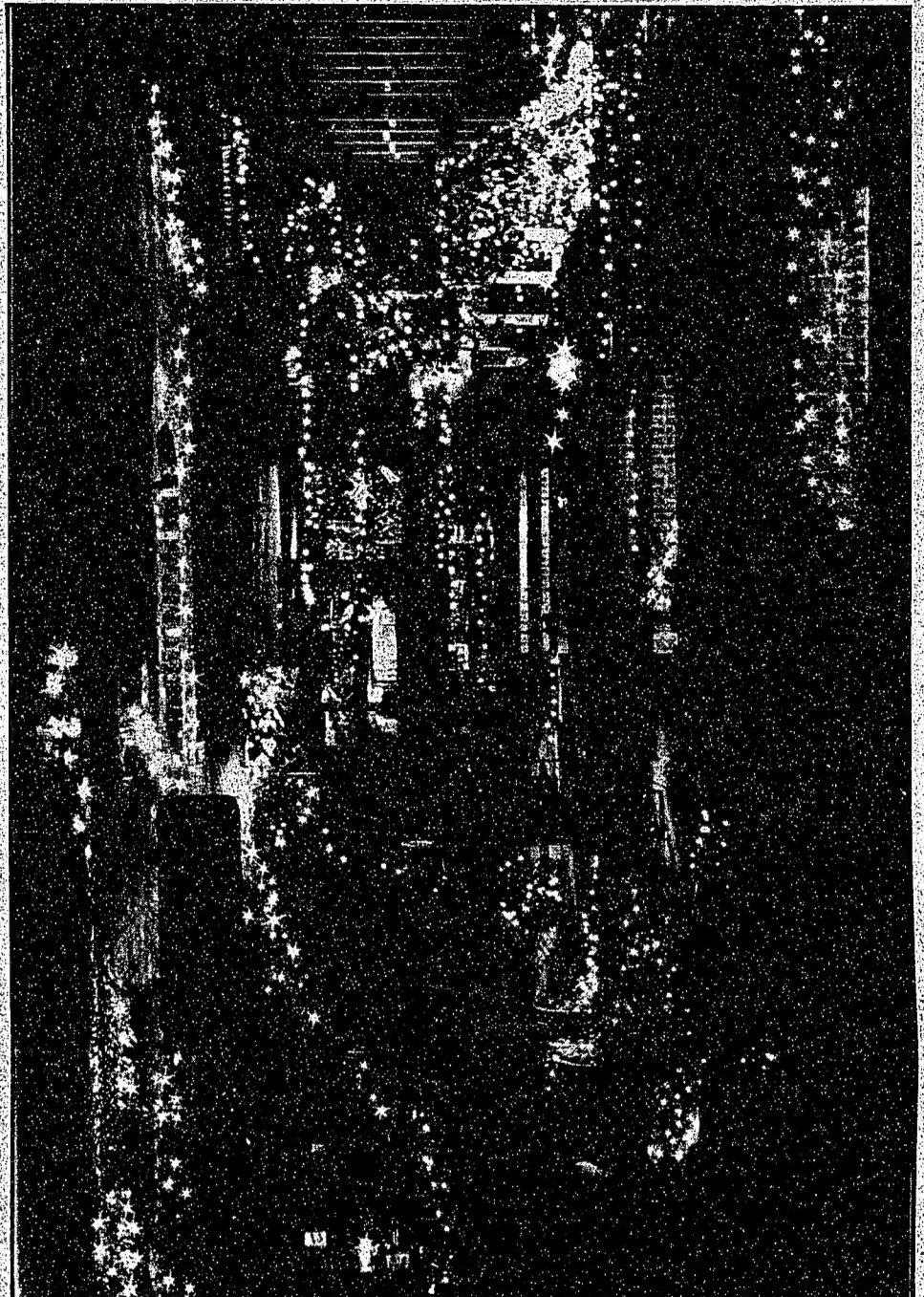
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veals the episodic clamor of voices critical of our educational system.

"I am personally persuaded that our periodic disenchantment with the educational sector is predictable, if indeed not rhythmic. In its simplest form it is probably a reflection of human nature. That is, we tend to be more critical of those institutions and individuals that we value and depend upon."

Roskens said that when the country is content with itself, people tend to be satisfied with the enterprise. However, when disruptions oc-



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UNO student shares Mexican relief effort experience

By LYNN SANCHEZ

Mexico City On a cold and windy night in October, Salvation Army Lt. Ada Casey was working in one of the organization's mobile canteens, distributing food and water to earthquake victims and relief workers. A woman came to the window and asked if she might spare a container. The "moles," as the excavators are called, had uncovered four bodies and were about to unearth a fifth. The families had found a priest to give a religious service and they needed something to put the holy water in.

Casey and her co-workers found an empty Folgers coffee jar, scrubbed it thoroughly and gave it to her. Later, Casey went to the area where the service was being held to offer any assistance she could. The families recognized her as the compassionate woman who had spoken to them and comforted them in their native language. While other non-family members were asked to leave, they invited her to stay and pray with them. Now back

ministry as a Salvation Army officer in North Omaha for 12 days (Oct. 24 to Nov. 4), Casey was assigned to work near a garment district where many buildings had been demolished. Homeless people, waiting for news of missing relatives, lived around the perimeters of the area in makeshift shelters and tents without running water or electricity.

From 10:30 at night until 7 a.m., she worked in the canteen the Salvation Army had brought from Texas, giving away sandwiches, coffee, cookies, and water to anyone in need. She would sleep from 8 a.m. until noon, and then for the next six hours work in a chapel which had been converted into a clinic and pharmacy. There she would translate for the doctors and nurses.

Casey also helped with the "mass feedings" that sustained the homeless and destitute victims. "People would start lining up at 8 a.m.," she recalled, although food was not served until 2 in the afternoon. "Verified" victims possessing vouchers were given priority, while others who had not been officially determined to be homeless lined up, hoping to get whatever might be left.

"I thought I would be prepared for seeing hungry people because (in Omaha) I am in charge of a Salvation Army feeding site... that serves about 200 people a day. But it was a totally different situation," she said. "There was a sense of hopelessness there. People kept asking me, 'Will you be here tomorrow?'" As she gave out ladles of precious purified water in the food line (one ladleful per person to last the entire day) she said, "I thought of what we have here (in America)." She especially remembered her daily 20 minute showers — taken for granted at home, but now an impossible luxury because there were only two 1,000 gallon tanks serving all the relief workers and medical teams in the building where she was staying. Showers were limited to 60 seconds apiece.

Soon after they arrived, the canteen got some extra, unexpected help in the form of a young Salvationist from Guatemala. With this young man helping the other woman on the late shift, Casey thought, "Maybe my place is among the people." She began to venture onto the streets at night, talking to people,

but more often just listening to their heart-breaking stories.

She emphasized that this spiritual comfort and counseling Salvation Army members offered was as vital as the physical aid. So many had lost loved ones that "many could not cope." And while family members were still missing, they struggled with an emotional paradox, wishing they would be found, yet hoping that they would not.

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in the states, Casey muses, "(They) used a coffee jar for holy water! Everything was so elementary there." But this experience helped her to see that she and the other relief workers were winning the trust and acceptance of the Mexican people by "touching individual lives."

Casey, a UNO senior majoring in sociology, was part of a 10-member team from the Midwest who arrived in Mexico City on the fifth week after the two devastating earthquakes, Sept. 19 and 20. She said she volunteered after seeing the initial news reports of the disaster, knowing that her ability to speak Spanish would be much needed.

Leaving behind her husband, sons, schoolwork, and full-time

gone up "unbelievably" since the earthquakes.

The trauma was compounded by the politics involved in the excavation process. Because tourism plays such an integral part in Mexico's economy, hospitals and tourist areas were cleared first. When Casey left the city on Nov. 4, she said the poor areas of the city "had not been touched," and the government estimated it would probably be "January or February until they got to them." Meanwhile, family members are waiting.

Casey told of one of her first experiences in the city, when people told her that armed government guards had kept everyone out of the factory districts, including grief-crazed family members who wanted to go in and excavate with their bare hands. She said that she found out from a Canadian journalist that it was because the rich owners of the factories had not wanted anyone to find out they were employing illegal aliens from Guatemala and Nicaragua. "They didn't want these people rescued or found," she said. "No one was allowed near the area"

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Roskens wants to avoid 'weaving webs of sand'

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Roskens quoted Emerson, "Genius has not taste for weaving sand." Roskens said it is "imperative that we weave our fabric of the future with durable thread." He said this can occur only when "we are united in both our resolve to forge progress and our willingness to sacrifice to attain our goals."

Roskens said that instead of "weaving webs of sand," we must build upon a foundation of strength.

He proposed a "new social compact" of professional education, government, corporations, labor and citizens for "reassert the primacy of higher education."

Roskens identified "seven pillars of upon which this new compact should be constructed:

— Reinforce our national creed of equality access.

— Reassert the primacy of liberal education. Roskens referred to what is known as the "core curriculum." "A college education must be characterized by both breadth and depth."

— Review, and in many instances alter, teacher education programs. Roskens quoted Secretary of Education William Bennett, "If a student fails to get a good general education,

he has been robbed. If a teacher fails to get a higher education, a generation has been robbed."

— Develop methods of institutional self-assessment.

— Insure that colleges and universities forge creative relations with business and industry. "We've got to link theory and practice better than we do now," said Roskens.

— Broaden and deepen the research base.

— Insist that all members of the compact describe and pursue the "highest possible standards of excellence."

Roskens said if these "seven pillars of wisdom" were followed it would reduce the probability of "weaving webs of sand."

Roskens pointed out an observation made by Clark Kerr a few years ago. The 66 Western institutions that have survived since 1530 included — the Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches, the parliaments of Iceland and the Isle of Man, and 62 universities.

"The individuals that sustained these institutions recognized that society must adopt the long view. There was an all-encompassing vision, and there was the honor of endowing future generations with the legacy of excellence exemplified through education."

What's Next

Tickets are now on sale for UNO's 10th annual Madrigal Dinner. The dinner, held Dec. 6, 7 and 8 in the Student Center Nebraska Room, includes an Elizabethan-style feast, authentic costumes and 16th century music and entertainment.

The dinner includes Rocke Cornish gayme hen with orange sauce, cranberry salad, wilde rice pilaf, green beans whole, biscuits and butter, and bredde pudding with rum sauce. Entertainment, provided by the UNO Chamber Choir and Renaissance Consort, follows a script based upon traditions of 16th century English gentry.

According to C.M. Shearer, associate professor of music, diners can expect near-authenticity in both music and food. "Although preparation is exceedingly rigorous, we all look forward to this event because it emanates a special magic and romance," he said.

The script includes madrigals, seasonal carols, and poetry and prose on dining etiquette and becoming a courtier. Many characters are based on members of Queen Elizabeth I's court.

The Renaissance Consort will accompany the choir on recorders, a sacbut (a forerunner of the modern trombone) and a harpsichord. Costumes, designed by UNO student Kristine Babcock, depict clothing worn by Queen Elizabeth's court between 1558 and 1603.

Early reservations are recommended. Tick-

ets, on sale at the UNO Box Office, first floor of the Student Center, are \$14 for the general public; \$11, UNO students; and \$12, UNO faculty and staff. The Madrigal Dinner is co-sponsored by the Student Programming Organization and the music department.

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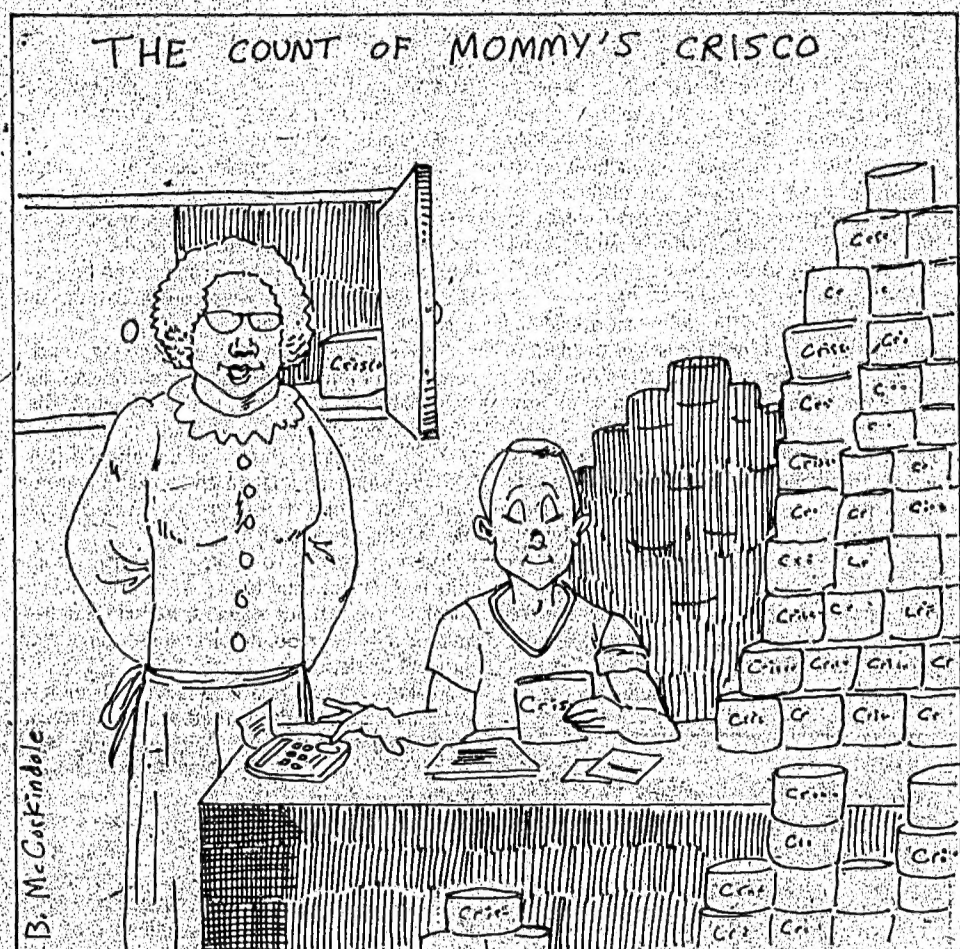
UNO employees have an opportunity to participate in the University of Nebraska Reimbursement Account beginning Jan. 1. The accounts make it possible to pay health care and dependent care expenses with pre-tax dollars. Meetings for employees wishing to learn more about the program will be held today at 11 a.m., Dec. 5 at 2:30 p.m. and Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. in the Epley Administration Building Auditorium.

Women's issues at UNO

The Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women will accept applications for membership until Dec. 9. Send your application to Marilyn Leach, Arts and Sciences Hall Room 217.

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Boyle tells students inexpensive does not mean cheap

By PATRICK C. STEPHENSON

Mayor Mike Boyle told the Nov. 21 meeting of the Student Senate that he understands the financial problems of college students from first-hand experience.

"I'll be paying my own college loans back until I'm 47... If I live that long," said the mayor.

The mayor acknowledged that many UNO students are studying in Omaha largely because they could not afford to go elsewhere. He told the senate that UNO's affordability should in no way indicate that the school offers less quality than a higher-priced institution.

"There is a lot of difference between being inexpensive and being cheap," said Boyle. "Just because you managed to get a good education at a reasonable price, there are no apologies due."

Boyle told the senate that he understands that the average UNO student is not the son or daughter of wealthy parents with money to burn.

"For the most part I think you are working very hard and some of you are struggling to make ends meet," said Boyle. "I'm not trying to play a violin or patronize anyone, but I know what you're going through, and the last thing you need is to have the state's budget balanced on your back."

Boyle told the senate that he has a personal stake in the future of UNO — he wants the option of a good local education available to his own children. "I feel very strongly about this. Not only as a father but as a taxpayer, and especially as mayor," he said.

The mayor also said a strong university system attracts people and business to a city such as Omaha. Boyle said the university has "an excellent reputation" in the business community and would be one of the last things he would want to see leave the city. "I think that if it came down to it I'd rather cut snow-plowing. It's that serious," he said.

The mayor praised those UNO students who took the time to write or visit the Nebraska Legislature in protest of recent university budget cuts. Boyle also expressed his satisfaction with the well-attended student rally held Nov. 6 on the UNO campus.

The mayor warned the senators that the special session of the Legislature which resulted in a 2 percent budget cut was "only round one," and that the university system is still viewed as having too many frills. "Be ready," he said, "there are people who would like to dismantle this university system."

In other action, the senate approved the appointment of Annette Sommer as director of the Disabled Student Agency. Sommer is the fourth individual to be appointed to that post in less than two years.

In other business, Sen. Ron Hawkins has resigned from the senate. Hawkins' resignation creates an opening for one representative from the College of Business Administration. Students interested in filling the position can receive additional information from the Student Government office.

Don Carlson resigned from his position as election commissioner. Although the position is technically for one year, Carlson had already fulfilled his obligations during the October student elections. Carlson resigned to accept a senate seat.

Sen. Jim Corson announced his resignation as executive treasurer of the senate. The resignation will become effective Jan. 1. Corson said he resigned in order to devote more time to his studies during the spring semester.

Devastation includes odor of death

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until the last screams were heard."

One of the hardest things to take, she said, was "the odor of death... I smelled the odor of death every day and night. I was there." She said it was this odor that led the moles to buried bodies. The bodies were often so badly decomposed that family members had to identify them by their personal effects. One father identified his 15½-year-old daughter by the new work shoes her mother had bought her only a week before.

When a victim was found, the family picked out a casket from a storage vent. The body was put in, the lid was nailed shut, and it was buried as quickly as possible. To reduce the risk of infection, anything that had come in contact with the body had to be burned. Besides all this, families were forced to fill out government forms upon identification, which may have taken anywhere from two to four hours.

By the time all the bodies are found, Casey said, the death

toll will go "way over 20,000."

Despair, hopelessness, and homelessness are everywhere in Mexico right now — Casey knows there were "some needs we could not meet." However, there were some glimmers of hope for the people even in the midst of tragedy. Strong faith in God is helping many people through this, Casey said. "They hang on to that."

As she was attending the prayer service for the five victims, she noticed one woman who went around continually relighting tiny candles that were circled around the caskets. "It was cold and windy, and by the time she'd get to the last casket, she would have to turn right around and start lighting them again. She did that the whole time, I watched her," Casey said.

This woman's simple gesture is symbolic of what the Mexican people must do — keep rebuilding, keep relighting the candles. With the help of such people as Lt. Ada Casey, who go on "touching individual lives," one day, they will recover.

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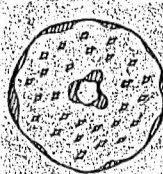
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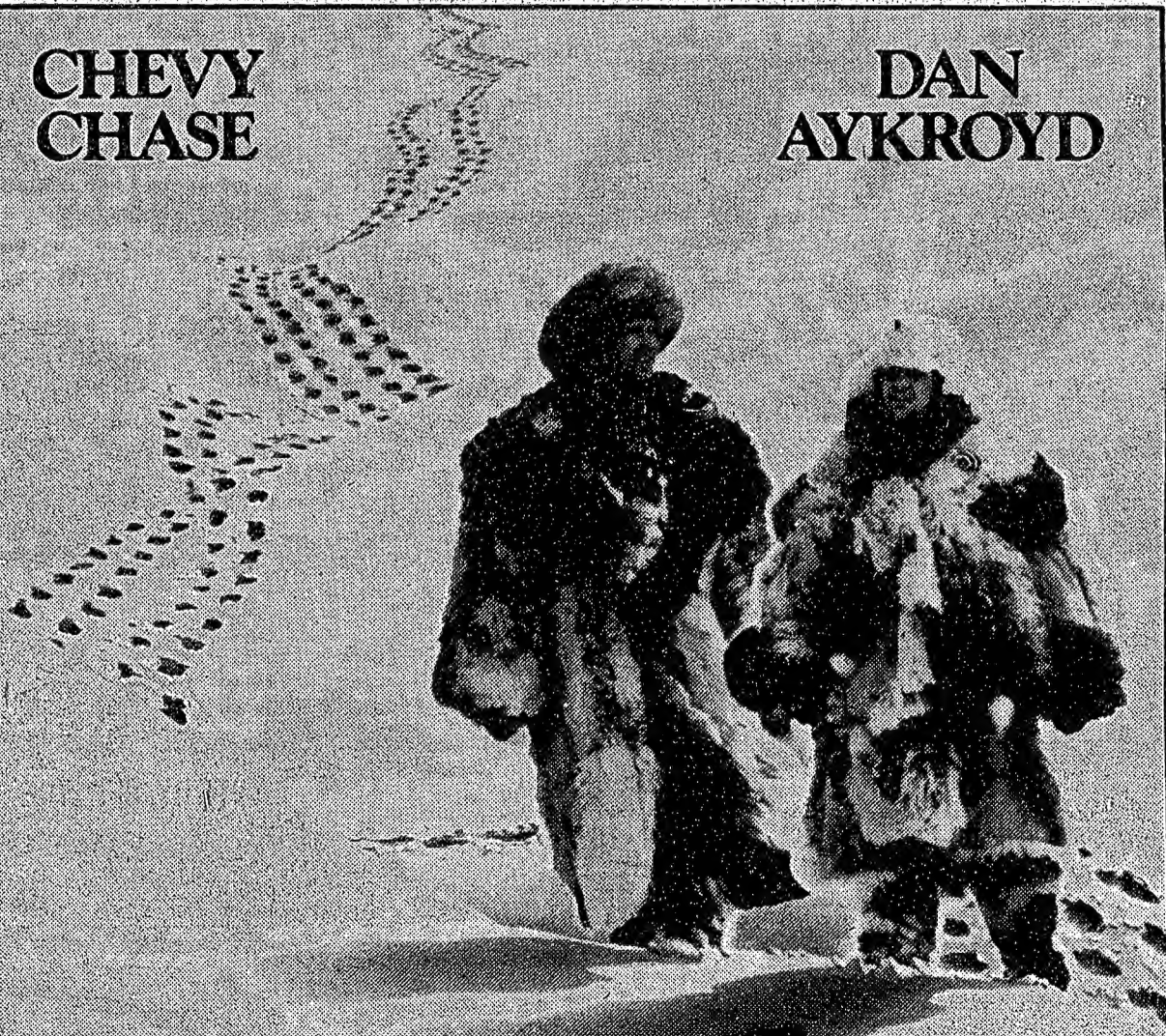
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UNO ambassador to China met with suspicion, missed 'luxuries'

By MARY APOSTOL

After a six-week trip in China, Andrea Burns has learned to appreciate things that most people take for granted in American society.

"We don't realize how privileged we are just to be able to enjoy little things like traveling somewhere in only five minutes in a car, or drinking water from tap or having a functioning toilet wherever you go."

Burns, a senior, was selected to represent UNO as an ambassador to China through UNO's Outbound Ambassador Scholarship Program last spring. The program is sponsored by the Experiment in International Living, a non-profit organization based in Vermont.

Andrea's all-expense-paid trip was funded with money raised by last year's ambassador, Kathy Wofford. Burns toured China with a group of 10 students from all parts of the United States. Her six weeks in China included a two-week stay with a Chinese family in Sha Tin, a suburb of Hong Kong, and four weeks traveling with her group to different areas of China.

"My family was very traditional," Burns said. "The two sons spoke English fairly well but the mother didn't speak any English," she said.

"They had no car and I did all my laundry in buckets by hand," she said. "We dried it by hanging it out the window. They lived on the 25th floor of a high-rise so it didn't take long to dry."

Burns said that as an American, during her stay in the suburbs she was treated with suspicion and in a somewhat discriminatory way.

"No one in the suburbs had ever been in



Andrea Burns

—Roger Tunis

close contact with Americans or foreigners. They were really curious but really cautious," she said. "If little kids would come near me, their mothers would pull them away."

"It's hard for us to imagine a pure society. But that's how it was. It was very Chinese."

She said that after a while, Americans started to look strange to her because she felt so much a part of the Chinese culture. "I felt like I was perfectly at home, but obviously they weren't with me."

"No one was ever blatantly rude," she added. "But we were always stared at. People didn't want to sit on the same bus seat with us — it was that type of thing."

Language was not a problem in the city of Hong Kong itself. "Hong Kong is so commercialized and Westernized that almost everything is in English," she said. "I had no problem getting around in Hong Kong."

She described Hong Kong as a city about the size of Omaha but with a population of 5.5 million. "It was very crowded," she said. "There were people everywhere."

Burns said that in Hong Kong owning a car is unnecessary because the subways go everywhere you'd want to go. "You don't have to worry about getting lost either, because there's lots of directions and they are all in English," she said.

Burns noticed the crowded condition of the city reflected in the size of the family's apartment in which she stayed.

"My bedroom was big enough only for my bed, which was three inches too short for me, and my suitcase," she said. "The dining area was the size of a big bathroom and the kitchen area was the size of a small bathroom. Their bathroom was the size of a bathroom stall, and that included a sink, shower and toilet," she said.

She described the lifestyle of Hong Kong as really fast paced, urban and competitive.

"I think they've been pushed into it," she said. "They seem to be kind of *laissez faire* about things — they don't get excited or upset about much, like Americans do." An example, she said, is their attitude toward the 1997 takeover of the city by Communist China. "They seemed to think it is no big deal."

The other cities her group toured were Tai Shan, Guanyzhou, Guilin, Shanghai, Nanking, Xian and Beijing (Peking).

Burns said they were treated well and that she was left with a good impression of Chinese communism. "Their communism is different from Russian communism, and it does work for them. There are some bad elements. But it's not all bad."

However, she expressed some skepticism toward the manner in which her group was accommodated while traveling China.

"There are only 150 cities open to tourists in China and we got to see only the best parts," she said.

"It was all very planned — where we went, what type of free time we were given, where we stayed and how long we stayed there."

Seeing the terra-cotta warriors from the Chin Dynasty and the Great Wall are her most memorable experiences in China.

"They were both very impressive. It's amazing to think that people really built such things," she said. "I felt very small next to them."

Burns said she learned a lot about herself from her trip, and "a lot about cultural awareness and about how I can deal with things foreign to me."

As an ambassador, Burns now has a commitment to the program to raise funds for next year's ambassador.

"I'm willing to give my slide show to any interested group," she said.

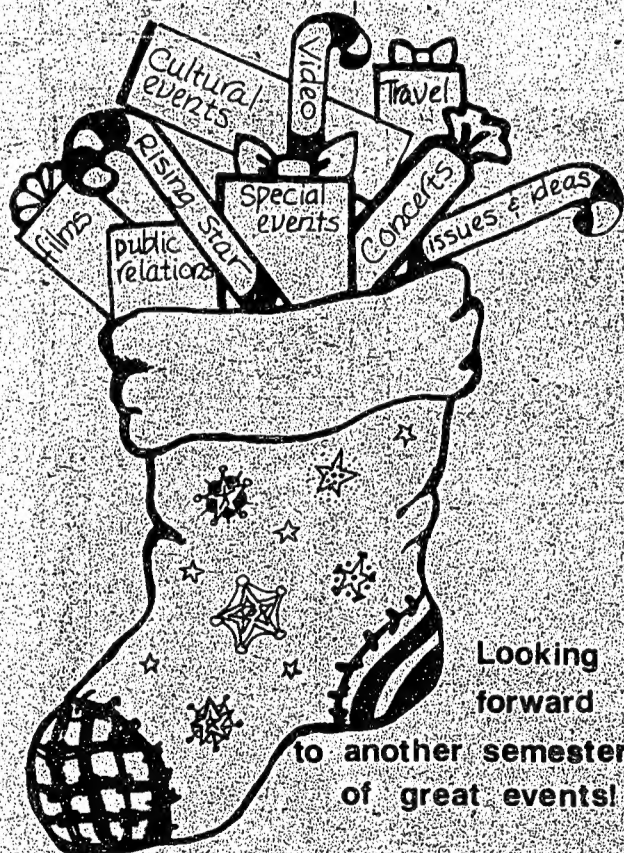
"It would be nice to get a donation because that's how this program keeps going. It won't happen if we don't get donations. I think it's really important for Omaha and Omaha's growth that things like this go on," she said.

Burns will also chair the committee that selects next year's ambassador.

"In February or March I will meet with the committee and we'll decide where it will be feasible to send someone next semester. All students are eligible to apply for the program. I encourage it. It's a tremendous experience."

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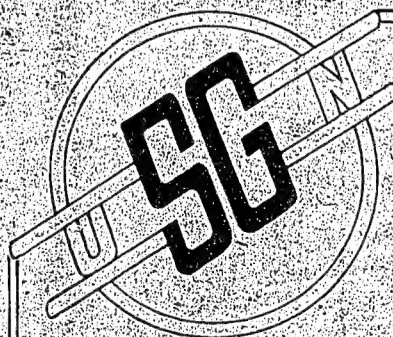
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According to Mike Denney, head wrestling coach, and Self Defense 111 instructor, the class has traditionally been offered strictly during the fall semester, but now it will also be available to students in the spring.

"Its popularity has taken off, ... and I sense with the people we talked to there's some demand ... concern to offer the class both semesters," he said.

The class stresses crime prevention through "street awareness," which emphasizes the need to be mentally prepared and alert that an attack can take place at any time. Self Defense 111 is set up to expose students to several forms of self defense tactics — such as judo, karate, spraying mace, and handling a stun gun — in order to choose a suitable defense for each student.

"When they come out of this class they should have awareness" — every situation is different, and the student must have several alternatives in mind for each situation, Denney said.

The class is not concerned with teaching students to merely win fights with would-be attackers — but to mainly be aware of their options, should they enter a dangerous situation, he said.

A second-degree black belt in judo himself, Denney said he couldn't be totally convinced he would be ready to defend himself against a

would-be attacker.

"I don't think you're every ready ... I don't care if you've got a 10th degree black belt (it) doesn't mean you can always protect yourself," he said.

Denney said some people don't fight in the "traditional" way — they fight dirty, and catch you off guard. However, he said "street awareness" can minimize the risk of injury.

Denney said one of his students has already had the opportunity to use his self-defense skills outside of classroom sparring. The student used a forearm block in order to protect his head from an attacker's club. His arm was bruised, but he wasn't seriously injured, Denney said.

Students enter the class for various reasons, Denney said some take his class before deciding which martial art discipline they'd like to enter. Other students, such as several criminal justice majors, took the class to prepare them for dealing with criminals in their future law enforcement careers, he said.

Sophomore Sherri Blair said she took the class to "defend herself against muggers." Now, with less than four weeks left of class, she said she has a better chance against muggers than when she first started. "I feel more aware now," she said.

After experimenting with several of the classes, self defense skills, Blair said she'd probably continue with judo, because she liked it best.

Although the subject matter is serious, the class still has a good time, Denney said. When the demonstrations and instruction are over, the students have free time to spare with each other, he said.

So, if you're ever caught in a potentially no-win situation, don't rely on remembering how *Miami Vice's* Tubbs and Crockett "took apart" an attacker. If you learn basic self defense skills you may make that decision yourself — and not have to rely on someone else to make it for you.

Dancers give everything for freedom in 'White Nights'

White Nights is about two dancers — an American turned Russian, and a Russian, turned American. The movie, although involving much dancing, is not a musical, but a movie about what two men think freedom is about.

It takes place in Russia, under the white nights of Siberia — where it never gets dark because it is so close to the North Pole. The white nights symbolize no route for escape in the blinding light of Russian power.

One dancer is still famous (Russian defector, Mikhail Baryshnikov) in America, the other is a once-famous has-been tap dancer, Gregory Hines. Hines voluntarily defects from America to Russia out of grief of being "used" in Viet Nam, combined with intolerable American racial inequalities.

Baryshnikov initially flees Russia several years prior, in order to have greater artistic freedom, but his plane crashes (on the onset of the film) over Russia, and he is sentenced once again to dance for the Russians. It is Hines and his Russian wife, Isabella Rossellini's, reluctant job to become informers to the Russian government — they must see that Baryshnikov dances.

Both men seek freedom — and later learn they will give up everything for it. Hines gives up his concept that America should be perfect, while simultaneously coming to terms that his life dancing in Siberia isn't really freedom — just escape from old problems.

Baryshnikov's only thoughts are of escape until he meets his former Russian lover and ex-ballerina, Helen Mirren. She forces him to examine his reasons for escape. He also cries as he dances

a painstakingly fast-tempo song.

The dancing numbers are many, and seem to mirror the dancer's current moods. At one point, Baryshnikov dances in a business suit for Hines, while Hines tries to bribe him into getting changed, and practicing. Baryshnikov is in a cocky mood, and has stubbornly made up his mind not to dance for the Russians. Instead of ballet, Baryshnikov does a mocking, hip-gyrating number for Hines.

What makes this movie unique is not that the acting and dancing are believable, but that the scenes all appear to be filmed inside Russia. Both the extras and architecture seem to be authentic. Time and effort was put into each scene.

Although the theme is serious, humor is still sprinkled throughout the film. The tongue-cutting jabs between Baryshnikov and Hines are funny. They each accuse the other of turning their backs on their own countries, while both are clearly in the same boat.

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again in the theater where he first learned to dance. Baryshnikov also gets upset when he learns that young Russian dancers haven't ever heard of him (because he defected) — although he was the most famous dancer in Russia. Nonetheless, he decides to give up fame and love for freedom.

The dancing is fresh and captivating, and you don't need to have ever seen ballet to appreciate Baryshnikov's graceful leaps, nor witness a tap number in order to marvel at Hines' solo to

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Winter in the fast lane; or from the icebox to the fridge

"You did make it, after all!" So said our illustrious editor, as I more or less slunk through the side door of our house, into what remains a tiny kitchen in which nobody (to the best of my knowledge) cooks.

"I was expecting about 10 telephone calls from people having problems starting their cars, and all of that bit!" Oho, I replied, but I am blessed with one of those wonders which almost never fails to start in the nastiest winter manifestation. The front-wheel drive is merely a bonus payment. The only thing about which I worry in winter is other drivers, one of which nearly sliced me into quarters on Farnam Street this morning.

I had moved from right to left (the complete opposite of my political steerage), to pass a snow-removal rig (snow-throwing vehicle and dump-truck), and I was followed by a lime-green GM machine. I could not say which GM machine it was, inasmuch as they resemble one another in the snow. For that matter, GM cars have been resembling one another all year long, in recent years. When did you last discern a Celebrity from a Cutlass?

Back to business. Having passed the rig, I signaled to return to the right, at which point my lime-green follower cut fast and whipped past me, as I was about to re-enter my original lane. Thank God for front-wheel drive, if one is required to stop short on a thick patch of snow.

And, thank God for having learned the driver's art in New York, where no motorist learns without knowing every conceivable idiosyncrasy there is to know about traffic, in any season. It is tempting to advocate requiring every Nebraskan to spend one week maneuvering in and out of traffic in the north Bronx and down the Avenue of the Americas, where — between elevated rapid-transit tracks and the anarchy of taxicab drivers

— driving becomes a matter of jungle survival. Come to think of it, parking pulls in a close second.

A year ago, I sat down to watch the WOWT news. During a lead item about the latest snow, the station cut to a tape from New York CBS, which was covering a mighty snow of its own. The reporter was giving her story from beneath (I believe) the el on White Plains Road, when a station wagon struck a parked sedan across the street.

The reporter did not move a millimeter while this happened; admirably professional of her. But I wonder: What did she think when (if) she reviewed the film at a later point? And, did the owner of the parked sedan happen to see the film in New York? He'd have had the next best thing to an air-tight, open-and-shut claim regarding insurance and damages.

When I went downtown, it was to pick up my newspapers, as is my Sunday habit. Now, there is a fellow who has operated an outdoor newsstand for a good many years, at Farnam and 16th. He operated an old, rickety wooden stand until he was more or less promoted to a large, modernized stand next to the Parkfair Mall, with steel-framed windows and white lights; the works, as he put it. He is an amiable fellow, who sometimes grunts at the likes of some of the paperback books the best-seller lists require him, for his own economic well-being, to offer for sale.

And he happened to be the only newsstand operator in the immediate area who was open for business this morning, so he implied. This is a piece of the strength about which Nebraskans like to brag (with justice, I believe). The weather matters not a whit to him. He knows there are those of us who simply cannot survive without our newspapers, and he is there for his regular

Sunday hours.

I bought my three newspapers (the *World-Herald*, the *Chicago Tribune*, and the *New York Times*), chatted with the operator for a minute or two, then ran to the car. The entire drive to these offices was consumed with idle but pleasant thoughts, notwithstanding an interloping philistine in a lime-green which ever in my immediate future.

I thought of vacation, which in four weeks I plan to take, although my winter vacation is not the sort which is presumed normal in these seasons. Going from Omaha to New York in December is rather like going from the icebox to the refrigerator. But, at least, I am not one of those traitors who jump out of the icebox and into the toaster down south, then spend half their time phoning snow-bound friends to boast about how chilly a mere 60 degrees in the Sun Belt feels.

So now, in the offices, I face windows as I write, looking onto the empty parking lot (how you *know* it is Sunday). And, I have a problem. A person has written to tweak me for the way I used "nubile" in my last exegesis. About using the word in the wrong way, right he was to say. But wrong he was to say the dictionary entry would surprise me.

Notwithstanding, I'd like to thank him but for one minor tactical problem: his anonymity. I am tempted to float an intracampus letter addressed as follows: "Anonymous: You Know, The One Who Dropped A Note To Mr. Kallman At *The Gateway*, Dated 20 November." But campus mail has enough problems. So, if Anonymous 20 November reads this, you know; it is your kind of reader which keeps me honest (even I make mistakes hither and yon). You, and the snows.

—JEEFREY A. KALLMAN

'New parents shouldn't expect dole from employers'

The family. For generations it has been considered — rightly so — perhaps the single most important cornerstone of U.S. society and, indeed, of most any culture. However, particularly since the "liberated" 1960s, concern has increased regarding the stability and prospects for continued endurance — or lack thereof — of the nuclear family.

In a probably well-meaning effort to avert potential — some might say further — erosion of the family, a national committee recently recommended that employed parents of newborn or newly adopted infants be entitled to at least six months leave from their jobs if necessary for the employee to care for the infant.

For three of these months, the committee suggests, these employees should continue to receive 75 percent of their normal pay. The Yale University-Bush Center Advisory Committee on Infant Care also recommended that employee benefits such as health insurance should remain in effect during the six month child-care leave.

However, good intentions, unfortunately, do not always yield good results, such is the case here.

The paid-leave-for-child-care proposal is an ill-advised, socialistic-type idea that would unfairly saddle employers with a burdensome responsibility. The idea ranks with the

comparable-worth concept as an administrative and financial Pandora's box for employers.

Let's pretend for a moment that a young man and his wife both work for the proverbial "widget" manufacturer. If the committee's proposal were law (committee members reportedly said that its proposals might be the topic of congressional hearings), and the young wife became pregnant, one of the parents could, if he or she desires, count upon this paid-child-care leave.

If the costs of the child-care-leave program become unacceptably expensive for the widget-company owner, he or she will probably not sit still and simply absorb those costs. Like most other expenses associated with running a for-profit business, the child-care-leave costs will be passed on to the consumer in the form of higher retail widget prices.

Some business expenses, such as raw material, energy, transportation and plant maintenance costs, are part and parcel of running a business. But the paid-child-care-leave proposal should not be considered a normal labor cost, and employers should not be required to pay for such a program.

Neither should the government be required to fund such a program. The national debt, a result of bloated federal budgets, is now about \$2 trillion.

Few persons would argue with a parent's desire to provide his or her infant child with the best and most care possible. And nothing can quite substitute for the individual attention that a loving, caring, parent can provide during a child's critical formative years.

However, choosing to begin a family carries with it certain responsibilities that should be carefully considered. For a future parent employed outside the home, one of these considerations ought to be whether he or she can continue working while still being able to afford the time and money necessary to raise a child as said parent desires.

A newborn child should not entitle a parent to expect his or her employer to continue paying that parent if he or she must quit working to care for a child.

Almost half of U.S. women with children less than 1 year old are employed outside their homes, two-thirds of them full-time, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

It is admittedly difficult for a family in which both spouses must work to make ends meet and still care for children. But if familial obligations preclude an employee from continuing to work outside the home, the employer should not be required to pick up the slack.

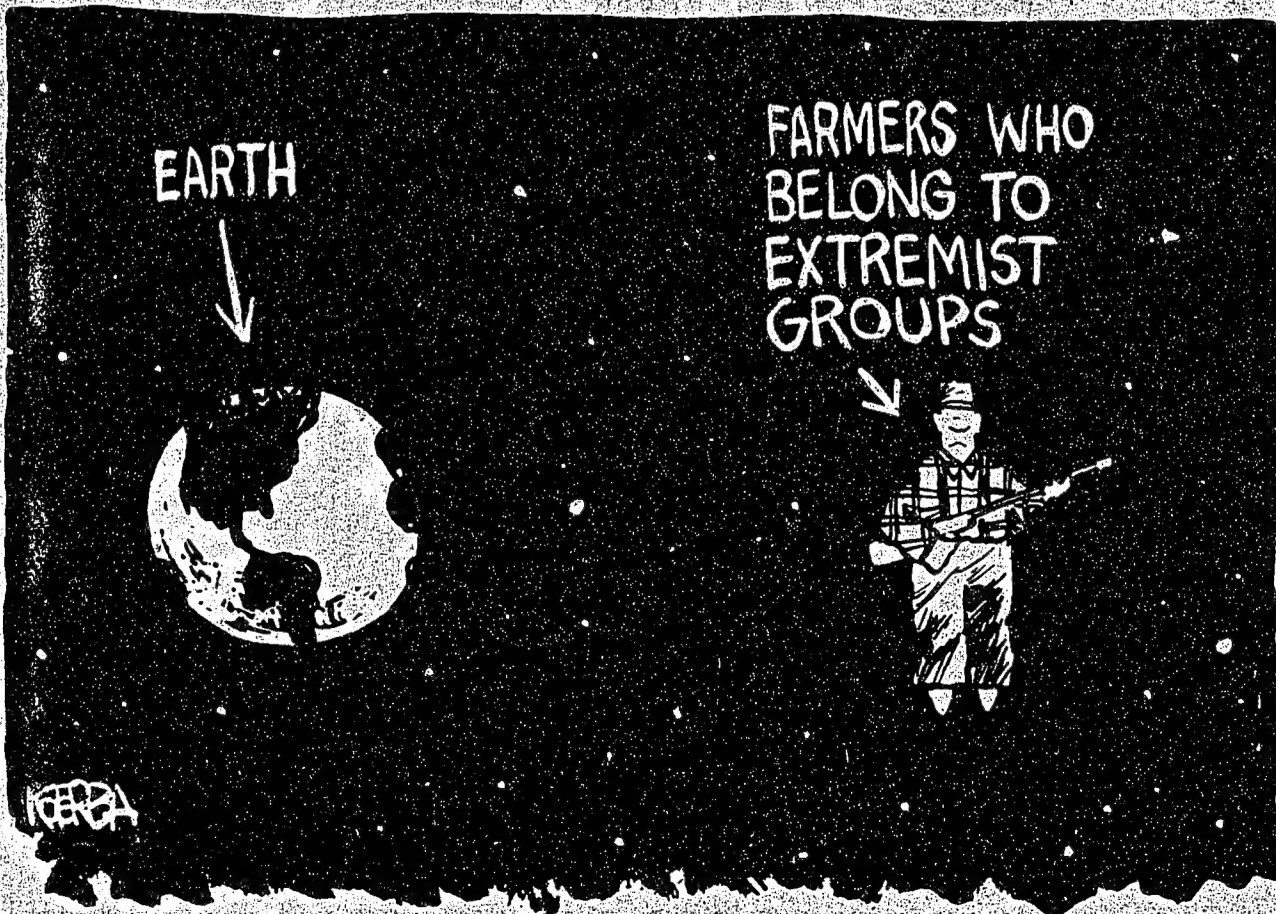
Paid child-care leave would have helped my parents after I was born. My mother has worked all her adult life — before being a "career woman" was fashionable — except for about 18 months after I was born.

My mother chose to quit working outside the home, staying home to care for me for that year and one half, after which she immediately found a new job. She received no paid leave, and the family got by on my father's earnings. Things were more difficult, obviously, but my mother's former employer nevertheless was not expected to continue paying my mother when she did not work. This was as it should have been.

If Congress fails to implement the infant-care committee's recommendations, the unhappy state of affairs we find in American families will continue to grow, and families will become weaker than they already are, said committee chairman Edward Zigler in a *Philadelphia Inquirer* story.

Strengthening the American family is a laudable goal that can benefit society as a whole. But employers should not be expected to furnish a dole for parents who aren't on the job because of a new child.

—JOHN MALNACK II



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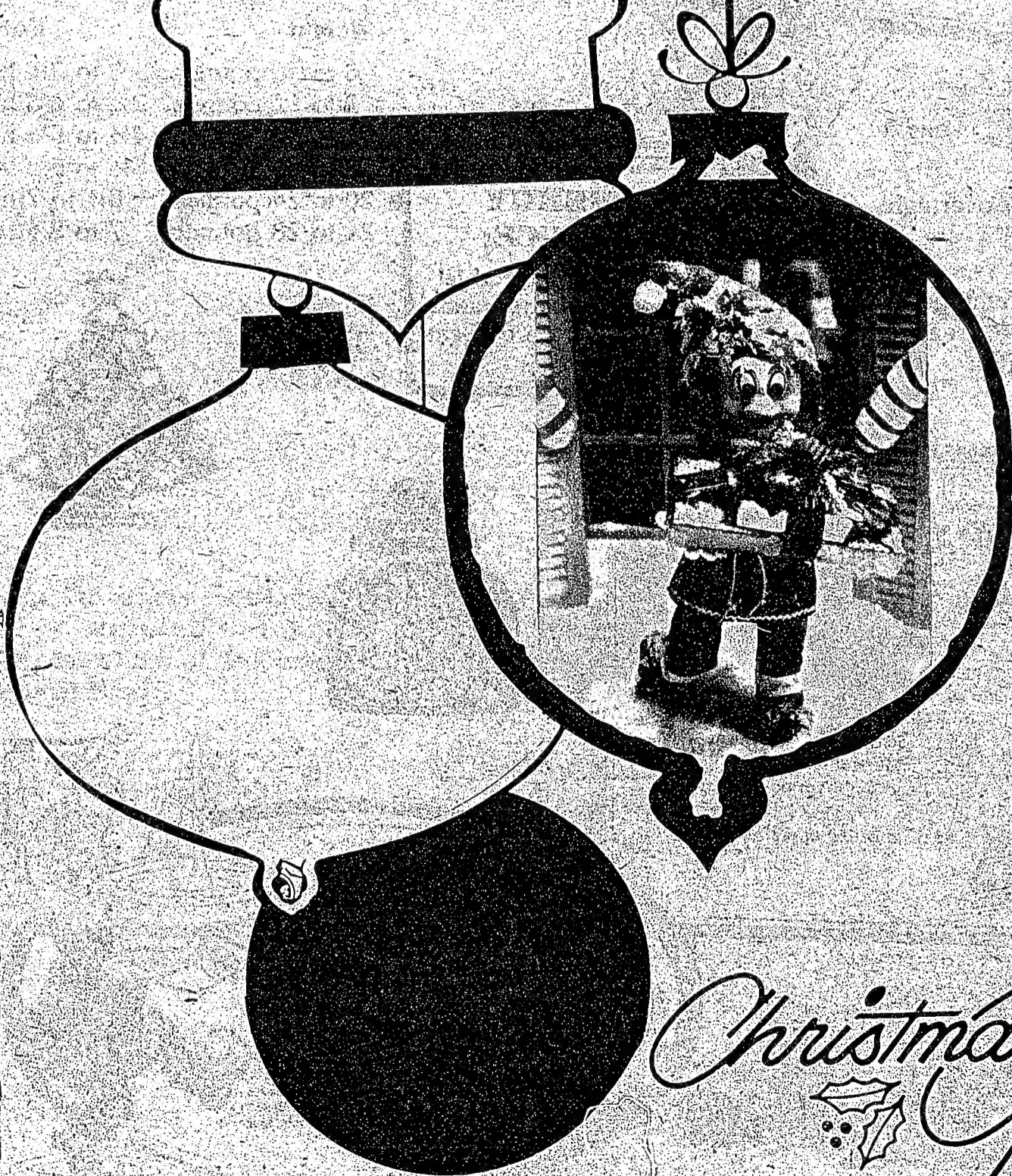
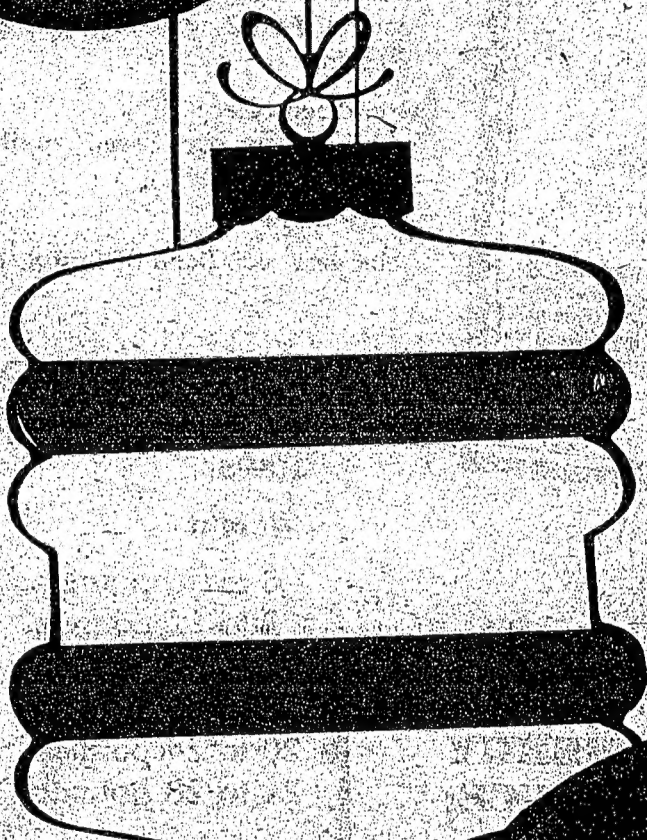
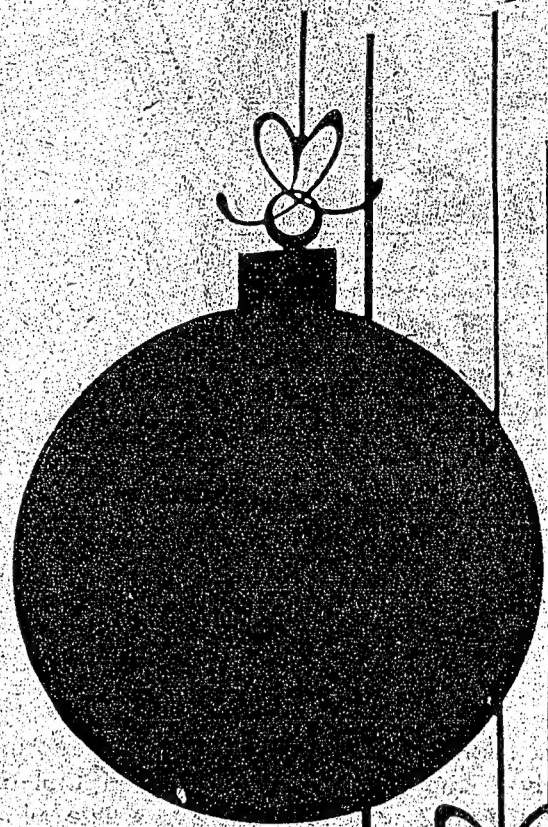
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BAKED BEANS

3-4 slices bacon
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
½ c. catsup (part Hickory style, if desired)
2 T. Molasses or ½ tsp. Maple flavor
½ c. brown sugar
½ tsp. vinegar
½ tsp. mustard
1 (1 lb.) can pork & beans
2 slices onion (chopped) or 1 T. Instant onion

OVEN TURKEY "CROQUETTES"

(serves 4-6)

2 T. butter
3 T. flour
½ c. chicken broth
½ c. milk
2 c. turkey (cooked) (diced)

1 T. parsley
¼ tsp. rosemary (crushed)
Salt (to taste)
¾ c. cracker or bread crumbs (fine crumbs)
1 egg (beaten)

Melt butter, blend in flour. Add ½ c. each milk and chicken broth. Cook and stir till mixture thickens. Cool. Add turkey, parsley, rosemary and salt. Cover. Chill several hours, shape turkey mixture into croquettes. Dip in egg, then roll in crumbs, coating well. Place in greased shallow baking pan. Brush with melted butter. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes till hot and toasted. Serve with berry sauce.

CRANBERRY SALAD

1 lb. fresh cranberries (ground)
1 c. sugar
1 lb. marshmallows (diced)

Mix and let stand in refrigerator overnight or until thick.

ADD:

1 c. crushed pineapple
2 c. whipped cream
½ c. English walnuts (chopped)

BERRY SAUCE:

Heat 1 c. canned jelly cranberry sauce and ¼ c. claret. Beat smooth.

DRESSING

(Stuffing)

Break 1 loaf of bread into pieces. Pour approximately 1 cup cold water over bread (not too soggy). Add 2 eggs. Mix. Saute in a little oil for 20 min.

1 c. diced celery
½ c. diced onion
Pour over bread crumbs. Add:
½ tsp. salt
2 tsp. sage
¼ tsp. pepper
½ c. margarine

Mix very well (kind of fluffy). Add 1 c. raisins.

Approximate roasting times for a stuffed turkey are as follows:

Weight	Hours
6 to 8 pounds	3 to 3½ hrs.
8 to 12 pounds	3½ to 4½ hrs.
12 to 16 pounds	4½ to 5½ hrs.
16 to 20 pounds	5½ to 6½ hrs.
20 to 24 pounds	6½ to 7 hrs.
24 to 28 pounds	7 to 8½ hrs.

HAM ROLL UPS

4 slices boiled ham
3 oz. pkg. soft cream cheese
2 tsp. grated onion
¼ c. finely cut parsley
½-1 tsp. horseradish

In a small bowl, mix cream cheese, onion, parsley and horseradish. Divide evenly and spread on one side of 4 ham slices with cheese side up, roll up ham slices. Wrap in wax paper and chill until firm. With sharp knife, cut rolls into ½ inch slices and put them on toothpicks. To serve, may stick into cheese, grapefruit or big apple.

TURKEY DIVAN

1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen broccoli spears
4 generous sliced cooked turkey (¼ inch thick)
1 (10½ oz.) can condensed cream of chicken soup
½ c. mayonnaise
½ tsp. curry powder
¼ tsp. lemon juice
½ c. shredded cheddar cheese
¼ c. soft bread crumbs
2 Tbsp. margarine, melted

Cook broccoli as directed on package. Drain and arrange in shallow 1½ quart baking dish. Arrange turkey slices on broccoli. Mix together the soup, mayonnaise, curry powder and lemon juice. Pour over top. Sprinkle with cheese. Mix together bread crumbs and margarine. Sprinkle over cheese. Bake in a preheated oven at 350° for 25 min. Makes 3-4 servings.

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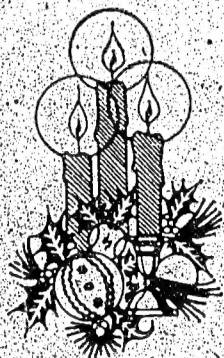
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DecDee,
Merry Christmas and
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TA



Shawn,
It's two months today and I'm very happy. Merry Christmas.
Kristy

Brian,
Love today and always.
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Merry Christmas Rob,
Bunches & Bunches & Bunches.
Merrienne

J.M.,
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Guess Who.
P.S. Hopefully you've been a good boy this year and Santa is bringing you everything you've asked for.

DAD,
Even though we may be separated, you're always in my thoughts. Give Rose my love.
I love you.
T.H.



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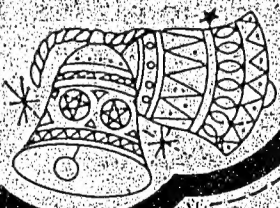
My GO Man,
I'm so happy we're finally together.
I love you.
Preppy

Bucko,
All I want for Christmas is you and I hope that is forever.
Biscuit,
Me

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Mom and Dad,
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Tootsie

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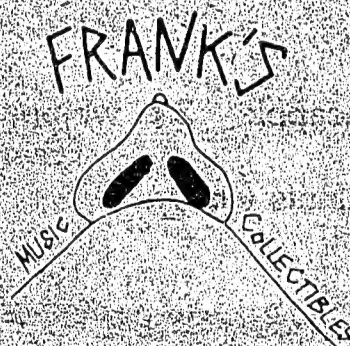
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The Spirit of Giving

By Mary Apostol

A can of shaving creme is all that Bobby wants for Christmas this year. Christmas is just another day to him. He can't remember the last time he received a Christmas gift. Since Bobby has no family to share Christmas with, his wish this year may once again go unfulfilled. Unless, perhaps, you can help him out...

Westroads Shopping Mall is working to make many neglected spirits brighter this year by sponsoring the first annual "spirit of giving" tree.

Six hundred Christmas cards hang from the tree, located in the center of the mall. Each card has a name on the outside and a Christmas gift wish on the inside. Shoppers are encouraged during this Christmas season to take a card from the tree and respond to the wish.

"We're asking those who take a card to buy the gift stated on the inside of the card, wrap it and return the gift to Westroads by Dec. 23," Kathy Evers, promotion director at Westroads, said.

"The gifts they want are so minor," Evers said. "They are mostly things we often take for granted — like the can of shaving creme."

She said on Christmas Eve a crew of volunteers will deliver the wrapped gifts to each person.

Evers said that she has been working on the spirit of giving project for a year. "We contacted organizations in the Omaha and Council Bluffs area which deal with needy people, such as orphanages and nursing homes," Westroads was supplied with names of disadvantaged persons with the help of these organizations.

Each person was approached by a volunteer and asked what they'd like most for Christmas. "The people interviewed were those who normally would not get Christmas gifts," Evers said. "Most of them have been isolated from a family support system and have no one to remember them at Christmas," she said.

"We are hoping for a good public response to the program," Evers said. In the future we'd like to expand the program to reach out to even more people, making their holidays more joyful."

No other shopping center in this area has ever done anything similar to Westroad's spirit of giving tree, according to Evers.

"It's something unique that Westroads is proud to contribute to the Omaha community," she said.



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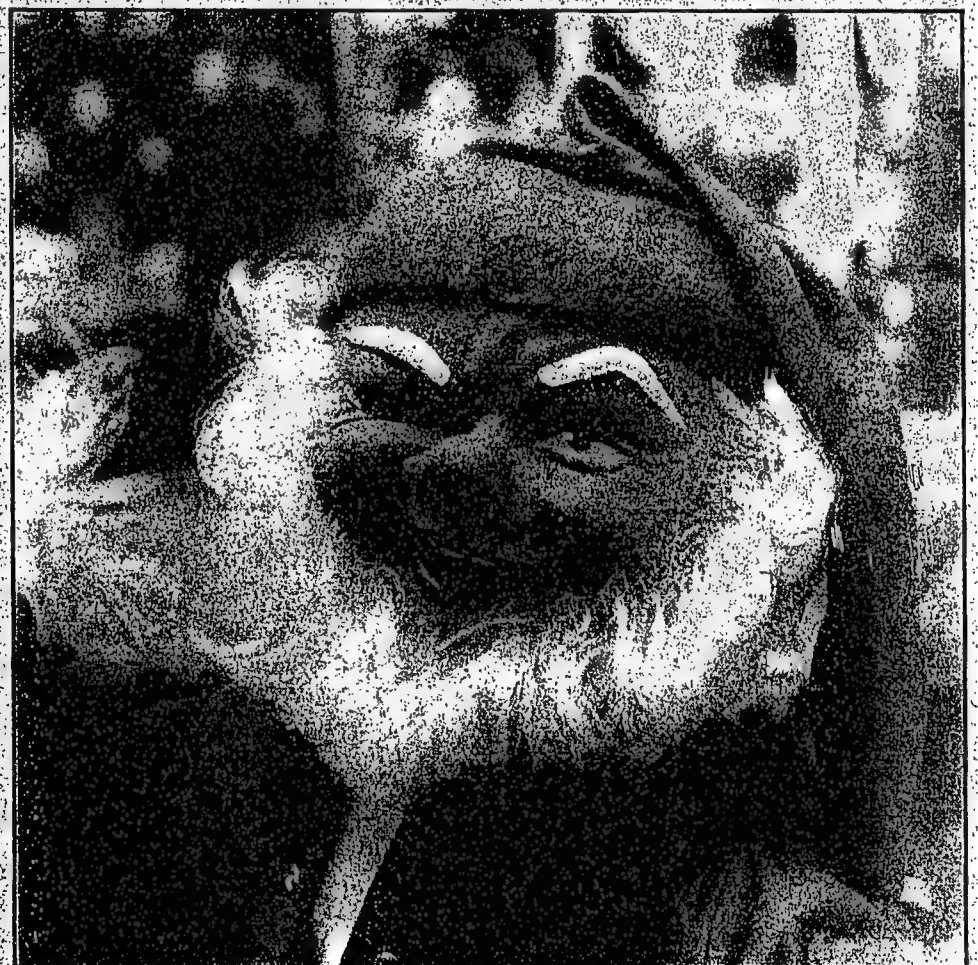
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Op Ed

Political candidates are in touch with life's realities

Some bits and pieces from the after-holiday grab bag:
— Give that woman an "I love UNO" T-shirt! State Sen. Marge Higgins, one of Nebraska's quieter legislators, has decided to run for governor. You may remember that she once classified UNO students as boys and girls who wore designer jogging suits as they drove Jaguars home to West Omaha — truly a woman in touch with reality.

Her love for the University of Nebraska has not died. In a recent *World-Herald* story, Higgins said she backed the recent budget cuts.

"I'd cut the University of Nebraska more. We have a state of a million and a half people; and 20 percent of the budget goes to the university. If we cut them another 5 percent or 7 percent or more, I would support it," said Higgins.

Let's see... a little trimming here, a few cuts there, and all you'll have left is the Cornhusker football team! That would probably be just fine with all those Husker fanatics (academics only distract the boys, after all), but it would give people seeking a good education another reason to leave the state for good.

That is, if the prospect of choosing either Higgins or the Rev. Everett Sileven for governor weren't enough to drive people to a more rational state — like Iowa.

— Does the Love Boat dock in Iowa? Did I say Iowa? I'd better re-think that. Fred Grandy, known to the three or four Love Boat fans left in America as Gopher, will soon an-

nounce that he will be a Republican candidate for Congress from Iowa's sixth district. Sure, just because switching careers worked for Ronald Reagan, everyone has to try it now.

Just once, I'd like to read about politicians who decide to make the switch to show biz. The possibilities are endless. Barry Goldwater and George McGovern could make guest appearances on *The Golden Girls* as Betty White's and Bea Arthur's dates. Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford could ask viewers "Do you know me?" for American Express. (William Miller, Goldwater's running mate in the 1964 presidential election, actually did an American Express ad. He wasn't half-bad.)

Geraldine Ferraro did a much-publicized Pepsi ad this summer, but just think what she could do with a really good role — a matriarch in a prime-time soap opera. Who needs to be president when you can own your own international conglomerate?

— Repeated redundancy department section: Both of the following stories were taken from Sunday's *World-Herald*. One story, taken from the Living Today section, was headlined: "Brando's Island Just One Costly Offer in Catalog." The lead should give you an idea what the story was about:

"For sale: heart-shaped atoll north of Tahiti. Slightly used, but only by Marlon Brando and his friends. White beaches, breadfruit trees and brilliant sunshine year-round. Merry Christmas. It's yours for \$4 million."

The other story, taken from Section A, was headlined:

"Stumped for Gift Ideas? Perhaps a Small Island." Again, the lead will give you a hint of the subject in question:

"For sale: heart-shaped atoll north of Tahiti. Slightly used, but only by Marlon Brando and his friends. White beaches, breadfruit trees and brilliant sunshine year-round."

"Merry Christmas. It's yours for \$4 million."
Gosh, maybe *The Gateway* should try running a story twice in one issue the next slow news period.

— What do you mean "I'm on my own?" Charlotte Greenwood, who runs the annual Poet Laureate search, left a small batch of poems and a note:

"Dear Karen:

"Sorry I'm late with the winners of the Annual Search for UNO's Poet Laureate. I was called to Washington, D.C., to testify before a committee wanting to stick warning labels on all newspaper stories dealing with Congressional committees asking celebrities to testify. I told the committee I was for the idea, of course.

"Announce the winners in the Dec. 6 issue in your usual understated fashion. You're on your own.

"Charlotte."
Yes, there are winners. I'd tell you more, but it wouldn't be fair. Who am I to deprive the winners of their well-earned obscurity, anyway?

— KAREN NELSON

'The news is the news, whether you approve or not'

The author is a senior majoring in journalism.

A letter by William T. Clute appearing in the Nov. 13 issues of *The Gateway* accused me of "participating in the spread of a NEW MYTH — that there is nothing wrong with being homosexual." The letter (your letter, Mr. Clute) was written in response to an article I wrote, titled, "Lawyer attacks gay/lesbian myths, legal inequities."

I'm sure that if you will only take the time to reread the article, you will discover that it was a news piece written in the third person. It was not in any way, shape or form intended as an editorial commentary on the morality of homosexuality. Nor was it intended to spread the idea that homosexuality is a wonderful practice that all the world should embrace.

I am a reporter, Mr. Clute. As such, it is my job to see and hear the events which take place on the UNO campus. It is also my job to relate these events to the students and faculty of this campus in as objective a manner as possible. Throwing all modesty aside, I feel that I do a damn good job of it. Where you get off on attacking me for doing my job is entirely beyond my comprehension.

Rhonda Rivera, associate dean at the Ohio State University College of Law, visited the UNO campus to discuss the rights of lesbians and gay men. It was a newsworthy event. As a result, I chose to write about it.

If you, Mr. Clute, were to climb up on your soapbox and loudly proclaim that all homosexuals will rot in hell for all of eternity, that, I suppose, would also qualify as a newsworthy

event. Consequently, my notebook and I would probably be there, recording your divine wisdom for all the campus to read.

The point, Mr. Clute, is that it doesn't matter if you, I or God Almighty approves of the news. The news is the news. It can inform, it can entertain, it can shock and, yes, it can offend. You were offended by my article and, consequently, you complained.

I am offended by a number of things, Mr. Clute. Racism, violence, natural disasters, death, disease and even budget cuts offend me. But I would never go so far as to suggest that the press avoid reporting on these issues because discussing them may offend me. That would be censorship. And few things offend me quite as much as censorship.

I am, however, pleased that you were con-

cerned enough to respond to my article. At least that proves that somebody is reading my material. Between now and the day that I leave this world for the big newsroom in the sky, I expect to offend countless readers with the people and events that I write about. If I don't, I will have failed as a journalist.

— PATRICK C. STEPHENSON

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Letters

'Gays and lesbians should organize'

To the Editor:

We are in a time when attacks on gays and lesbians are at their highest peak. Gays and lesbians daily lose jobs, custody of their children, military service and access to public services. The discrimination occurs in the form of labelling, stereotypes, myths and homophobia. With the current AIDS threat, it is even more certain that the civil liberties of gays and lesbians across the United States will be treated as the "outcasts of society."

In the area of bringing greater awareness to students about the problems that gays and lesbians face, the UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association has sponsored Lesbian and Gay Education Week, Gay Student Month, seminars on Myths, Stereotypes and Homophobia, a UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association Hotline (472-5644), a Coming Out Support Group, introduction of a clause protecting sexual orientation for student organizations and a picket protest against the rhetoric of Dr. Paul Cameron.

The time is now for gays and lesbians on campuses nationwide to organize and stay strong. There was a group at UNO and I believe that there is a strong need for another group. I strongly urge gay and lesbian students at UNO to contact us. The time is here for awareness and education about homophile concerns. There isn't time to sit cautiously by and maintain a closet with apathy.

In my opinion, the story on Professor Rhonda Rivera (*Gateway*, Oct. 25) was an excellent one. The staff of *The Gateway* is to be commended for their journalism.

Rodney Allen Bell II
President, UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Organization

'Motorcycling not worth it'

To the Editor:

John Malmack II is sad the motorcycling season is over (*Gateway*, Nov. 13). I am happy that it is. He sees the flowers, and I see the blood.

I am the first to agree motorcycles are fun. I used to ride one before I started seeing the wastage of precious human lives. Young lives. Lives with loves, ambitions, goals. Lives with fam-

ilies crying over them.

Mr. Malmack states, "...motorcycling is better appreciated with the heart rather than the mind." I expect that is true. I wish more motorcyclists would think, would envision themselves slamming into a car that has turned left in front of them. Then perhaps fewer hearts would rule.

I would like to emphasize that when flesh meets steel the motorcyclist *always* loses. It's not worth it to ride a motorcycle. It's too dangerous.

James L. Manion M.D.

'Too bad you botched this one up'

To J. Frank Ault:

In response to your editorial ("Dear God: Let us go to Hell in peace, will you?" Oct. 23), there are a few things I would like to say.

First, I, too have been heckled by "mad dog fanatics" and therefore when I began to read your editorial, I was amused. I liked your descriptions of them and I even liked your off-track remarks. "Hey!" I thought, "I can really see where this guy's coming from."

Unfortunately, I began to get nauseated when I hit the last part — you know, where you start talking about the Muslims and the Jews and their eternal damnation. You're speaking from the same narrow-minded point of view as the bigots you're criticizing. What you overlooked, buddy, is that a lot of Christian denominations say nothing about damning people in other religious groups. Yah, even the good old Pope said something about it. Try to be a little bit better informed — you don't want to sound like those fanatics, do you?

Your remarks about Hell made me feel a little better again. There was some good humor. And I liked the intelligent references to the Greek guys. What made me want to puke was when you started talking about God and his frustrations.

Heck, I'm not a believer myself, so I would hardly accuse you of blasphemy. But your immature remarks about God and his need for a goddess probably insulted a lot of people. After all, many people do see God as sacred. That may not mean much

to someone of your mentality, but weren't you complaining about the same thing — the fact that others don't respect your beliefs?

When you start practicing what you preach, your editorials will be worth something. It's just too bad you had to botch this one up.

Jacky Swank

Prepare the deathbed?

To the Editor:

After much study of my own on the subject, and careful reading and re-reading of the Judeo-Christian opinions contained in the "Letters to the Editor" section of *The Gateway* several weeks ago, I have come to the conclusion: Christianity is the chambermaid who prepares the deathbed for western civilization.

Robert Matthews

'Remember budget-cutters at election'

To the Editor:

This is in regard to all the publicity that has been bombarding *The Gateway* on the budget cuts. It's a shame that UNO is getting even a 2 percent cut. There should be no cuts on any university.

The university is where your education grows, where you develop your mind and all your other thoughts — even political beliefs. I wonder how many of our legislators and regents graduated from UNO? I wonder if those men and women would have been fond of such cuts when they were receiving their educations. Why should we the students be deprived of any sports, classes, extra money by this 2 percent cut when our forefathers weren't?

The Legislature doesn't hesitate to give themselves a yearly raise, and I'm sure it's more than 2 percent. The Legislature would never take a 2 percent cut in the salary budget. I think we should look at who's in favor of all those cuts, and remember them when it comes to election time.

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Few flaws escape director's eye in recent dancing film

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Also, it's evident that Baryshnikov has picked up several American cuss words, which demonstrates his newly-found Americanism. At the onset of the film, most of his dialogue consists of four-letter, one-word lines.

Although *White Nights* is an interesting film, there are a few flaws which escaped the director's eye. Hines never seems to

shed his street-smart mannerisms even after living for years in remote Siberia with a Russian wife. He still says "man" a lot. Nor does he seem to pick up any Russian influence, aside from learning Russian songs.

Baryshnikov also smokes excessively. It would seem that an athlete who's required to do a lot of jumping and bounding would get winded smoking about a pack a day. They must have cut

the scenes a lot to allow Baryshnikov to get his wind back. If he really does smoke this much, he should've curbed it during the movie — it didn't fit his character.

White Nights has a strong message concerning the value of freedom, while simultaneously making the audience think about the good and bad points of both countries.

—LAURA GAWECKI

Youngsters learn Japanese culture through UNO program

By STACEY WELLING

Making a wish isn't always as easy as looking to the nearest star.

In Japan, it requires a string of a thousand paper cranes.

After the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, some Japanese children invoked the legend of a thousand paper cranes to help one victim of radiation poisoning — a 12-year-old girl named Sadako.

The children were able to string 644 paper cranes around Sadako's hospital room before she died of leukemia.

Yet, Sadako and a thousand paper cranes became a symbol to children around the world.

Today youngsters from many countries travel to Japan's Peace Park where they express their wish for world peace by draping strings of a thousand paper cranes around a monument built to the children of the world.

The story of Sadako and the art of paper folding are among many aspects of Japanese culture that UNO Study Abroad advisor Linda Wojtan and foreign exchange student Naoki Okatani are teaching students at Central Park Elementary School.

The pilot program began in November and will extend through Dec. 18, said Wojtan, and it involves seven Central Park students from Howard Faber's fifth-grade class. On Wednesday afternoons, the students clad themselves in colorful Japanese kimonos and meet for an hour with Okatani and Wojtan.

"We asked the students' families to make the kimonos in order to get their parents involved," Wojtan said. "We wanted the kids to think more Japanese. We tried to change the mood of the classroom by providing the students with a different environment — one that includes pos-

ters of Japan and Japanese school children, and a different style of clothing."

"The program is going great," said Faber. "The parents and the kids love it." He explained that Indiana University's Midwest program for teaching about Japan provided a \$150 grant to print the students' copies of *My Japanese Culture Book* and to buy chopsticks and Japanese folding paper. The university also donated language tapes, folders and booklets.

Faber and Wojtan's mutual interest in international studies led them to match wits and organize the Central Park experimental pilot program. It has worked so well, they plan to use it as a model to organize future projects between UNO's international students and the Omaha Public Schools (OPS).

There are 460 international students from more than 40 countries enrolled at UNO this semester. Two weeks ago, UNO's international studies department received a \$24,000 Danforth grant which will provide funding to establish global education outreach programs between UNO and OPS.

"Global education focuses on other cultures of the world by looking at themes that cut across cultural boundaries such as the arms race or world hunger," Wojtan explained. Danforth grants are given throughout the Midwest to arrange combined programs between universities and area primary and secondary schools.

Okatani, a junior from UNO's Japanese sister city, Shizuoka, is studying to become a secondary science teacher. "Teaching at Central Park has been an excellent opportunity for me to know how American students think about Japan and to learn about the educational system of American schools," Okatani said. "The best

aspect is that I meet the students. They ask me lots of questions, such as how to say their names in Japanese. They want to know about Japanese food and Japanese toys. I like to teach, and they like to learn. We are enjoying each other."

In class, Wojtan's involvement fulfills the OPS requirement that a certified teacher must participate in extracurricular activities. Wojtan, who taught in OPS last year, organizes the lesson plans, and Okatani teaches the students the language and Japanese traditions.

The students are developing an ear and a tongue for speaking Japanese by listening to Okatani's pronunciation and repeating the words and expressions he uses. Learning the language also involves learning the Japanese words to the first line of a Japanese New Year's song that the fifth graders are singing in their Christmas program. Okatani's time is completely voluntary. In addition to teaching, he agreed to play the piano accompaniment for the New Year's song during the Christmas show. Outside of class he made each student a dictionary of common Japanese words and a pamphlet, complete with cartoon characters, about Japanese food and traditional events.

Everyone in Japan knows how to make folded paper figurines, Okatani said. The Japanese memorize the correct patterns for a variety of figures. Wojtan had summarized the story of "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes," and the students followed along with Okatani as he demonstrated each of the 18 folds required to make one paper crane.

The students receive weekly assignment sheets that contain daily tasks they are asked to perform. One day they might be asked to try eating some food with chopsticks. On another they might try their hands at "Shogun Showdown," a computer program game that is similar to *Jeopardy*.



Roger Tunis

Students at Central Park Elementary School learn to make Japanese paper cranes.

Another computer program called "The Japan Game" takes the student through the life of a Japanese boy or girl. The students punch in information about themselves, and the computer matches them to a Japanese family. The computer poses hypothetical questions, and the students answer according to what they think Japanese culture would expect of them.

"I hope this program becomes big," Okatani said. "Japan should carry out a program similar to this one because they get students thinking about peace and cooperation."

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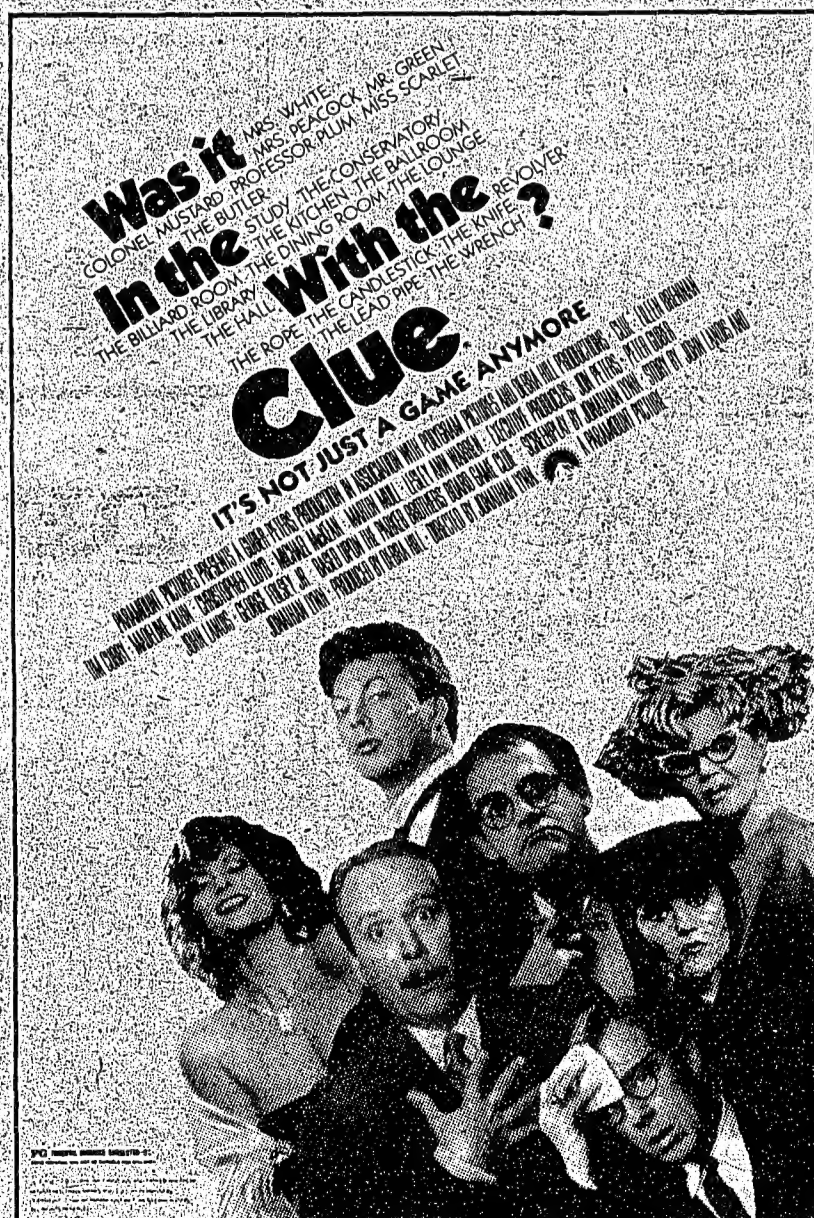
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Sports



UNO's 158 pounder, Brian Hildebrandt, left, prepares to grapple with an Iowa State wrestler in the semi-final round of the UNO open wrestling tournament. Hildebrandt was defeated in the match 9-5, placing fifth in the tournament.

Mavs place well in nation's biggest tourney

The UNO wrestling team had a busy week over Thanksgiving vacation as it hosted the annual UNO Open wrestling tournament.

The floor of the UNO Fieldhouse was covered with 12 huge wrestling mats on which 433 wrestlers wrestled 12 hours straight until champions were crowned in each weight class.

"We're really pleased with how the tournament went," said head wrestling coach Mike Denney. "Our wrestlers did about as well as expected."

Denney said his wrestlers did well since only one Mav wrestler didn't win a match. The Mavs

did, however, place six wrestlers in the tournament.

Denney said the good performance in the tournament and his squad's 31-19 victory over Northern Colorado in the Maverick's first dual of the season, prove his team is one to contend with in the North Central Conference (NCC) and nationwide.

The Maverick wrestling team was picked to finish third in the NCC in a preseason sports writers' poll, Denney said his team will place at least that high. North Dakota State and North Dakota were picked to finish in front of the Mavs.

"It's a tough conference, but we'll be in there," said Denney. "North Dakota State and North Dakota have good programs so it's going to be tough."

He said Augustana also has a tough wrestling team which the Mavs will face next Tuesday in the Fieldhouse at 7:30 p.m.

Denney said many of his wrestlers went home for the holiday, and he is hoping they make it back ready to train. The Mavs wrestle an exhibition match against Athletics in Action on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

The UNO Open helped Denney to get his starting lineup narrowed down for dual action.

The tournament was a good tune-up for Saturday's University of Northern Iowa Open.

"It's not quite as big a tournament as ours," said Denney. "but it'll be a good tournament. We'll be working hard this week to get ready for the weekend and next week."

The following is a list of UNO wrestlers who placed in the UNO Open:

Wt.	Name	Record	Place
142	Ryan Kaufman	6-0	1st
158	Curt Ramsey	7-1	3rd
158	Brad Hildebrandt	5-2	5th
177	Paul Jones	6-2	5th
190	R.J. Nebe	5-1	2nd
190	Mike Braun	6-1	3rd

Mavericks receive All-NCC football honors

Four players from the UNO Maverick football team have been named to the All-North Central Conference (NCC) football team:

Jerry Kripal on offense, Jim Nekola and Darin Lintner on defense and kicker Greg Morris received first team honors.

UNO's Keith Coleman received second team All-NCC honors on defense and Terry Allen was named second team all-purpose player.

Mavericks given honorable mention on the All-NCC team were: Scott Johnson, Mark Watkins, Gary Baker, Damon McClinton, Steve Macaitis, Steve Sliva, Jeff Hardick and James Quaites.

All-North Central Conference Football Team

Position-Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
E—Kim Boerna	Northern Colorado	5-10	170	Sr.
E—Rod Tweel	South Dakota	6-2	184	Sr.
E—Jeff Tiefenwaler	South Dakota St.	6-2	180	Jr.
E—Mike Noble	Morningside	6-3	229	Sr.
L—Ted Hall	North Dakota St.	6-4	275	Sr.
L—Eric Maxon	South Dakota	6-4	284	Sr.
L—Jerry Kripal	UNO	6-3	243	Sr.
L—Jeff Reinke	Mankato St.	6-6	280	Sr.
L—Mark Diesh	South Dakota St.	6-5	264	Sr.
QB—Mike Busch	South Dakota St.	6-4	200	Sr.
QB—John Schultz	Augustana	6-2	198	Sr.
RB—Chul Schwank	South Dakota	5-11	200	Sr.
RB—Dan Sonnek	South Dakota St.	6-1	200	Sr.

First Team Offense

LB—Tracy Johnson
LB—J.P. Buzynski
LB—Jim Dick
LB—Darin Lintner
L—Mike Lambrecht
L—Paul Nielsen
L—Jim Nekola
L—Matt Wolter
DB—Mike Slaton
DB—Darrell Thomas
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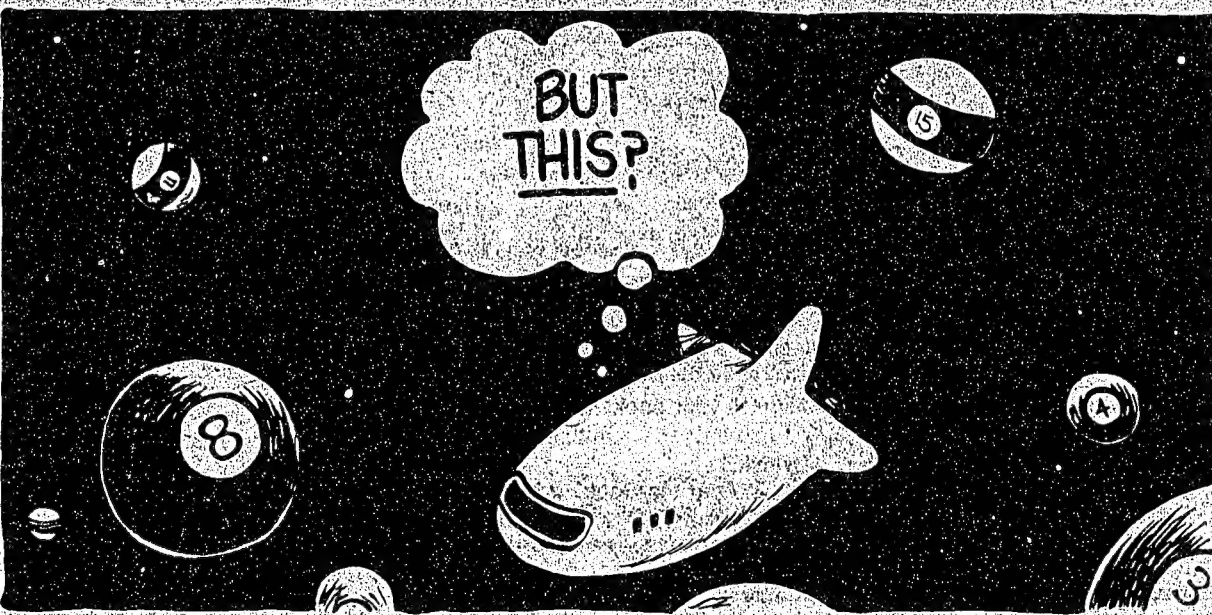
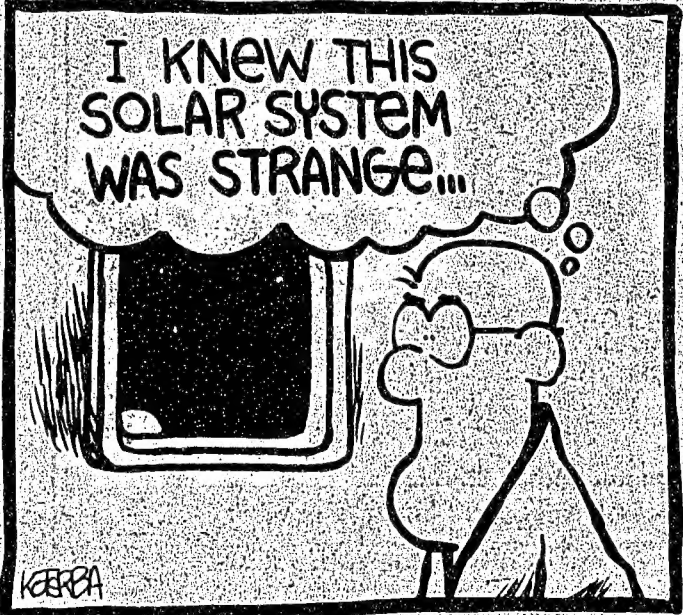
Morningside	6-2	242	Sr.
South Dakota	6-0	206	Sr.
North Dakota St.	6-1	245	Jr.
UNO	6-2	243	Sr.
St. Cloud St.	6-1	280	Sr.
North Dakota St.	6-2	225	Jr.
UNO	6-4	242	Jr.
Mankato St.	6-3	240	Sr.
South Dakota	6-2	191	Sr.
Morningside	6-0	178	So.
St. Cloud St.	5-10	180	Sr.
North Dakota St.	5-11	180	Sr.

First Team Kickers

P—Jim Schmitt	6-0	185	Jr.
K—Greg Morris	5-7	161	Jr.

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Lady Mavs 'learn a lot' in second-place finish

By TIM JENSEN

As temperatures cooled last weekend, so did the shooting of the Lady Mav basketball squad as it lost in the championship round of the Pepsi Classic tournament to Southeast Missouri State, 70-52 at the UNO Fieldhouse Nov. 30.

After Friday's dominating victory over Missouri-Rolla 85-58, UNO lost some spark and a lot of fans due to cold weather.

Head coach Cerri Mankenberg moved the game time from 7 p.m. to 5 p.m. because of the severe weather conditions. Mankenberg said the overall attendance was still good despite the weather.

"It was a good learning experience for us," said Mankenberg. "Everybody's doing what they need to to win."

Mankenberg said the tournament was set up so the Lady Mavs would meet Southeast Missouri State in the title game.

She said the other two teams in the tournament, Missouri-Rolla and Morningside, aren't the same caliber as UNO and Southeast Missouri State. Mankenberg said the title game was a good tune-up game for her players.

"We gear our whole season up for conference play," said Mankenberg, "so we needed a match like that. They have to learn that they can't get intimidated on defense by anybody. They have to learn to relax. They were too tense."

Mankenberg said the Lady Mavs couldn't get the ball inside to center Jackie Scholten because the Southeast Missouri State players were playing Scholten very closely inside.

"They had somebody hanging on her (Scholten) all the time," said Mankenberg. "We couldn't loosen up."

She said the heavy inside pressure forced the May guards to score points from the outside, but the guards didn't deliver.

"We couldn't buy a basket from our outside people," said Mankenberg. "We just couldn't get any momentum going. Our shooting percentage really hurt us." The Lady Mavs shot under 60 percent from the field.

She said she had her Mavs watch Southeast Missouri State play Morningside the night before so they would know they were going to play a good ball club.

"They had more quickness and experience than we did," said Mankenberg of Southeast Missouri.

"They're a run and gun team, but we did shut down that aspect of their game. We didn't wear their defense down like we should have with our depth."

Mankenberg said she is looking forward to Friday's game at Northwest Missouri State. "It will be a good match for us," she said. "We'll have to work on relaxing and playing better defense this week."

The Lady Mavs are 2-1 on the season. Their other victory came in the season opener against Washburn College.

UNO to host NCAA Regional

By POLIDOROS C. PSERROS

UNO's volleyball team will host the NCAA Regional Tournament Dec. 6-7 at the Fieldhouse. UNO also hosted in 1983.

The No. 7-rated Lady Mavs, 39-6, play No. 20 James Madison, 37-18, Friday at 8 p.m. No. 8 Ferris State, 33-9, meets No. 19 New Haven, 33-7, in the 6 p.m. opener.

The winners play Saturday at 1:30 p.m. for the right to go to Portland, Ore. for the Division II championships.

This is the fourth consecutive year that UNO has gone to the 16-team tournament. In 1982, the 40-13 Lady Mavs finished third in the regionals, losing to Ferris State at Ferris. Last season, UNO at 49-8, finished third, losing to host North Dakota State.

In 1983, the host 49-8 Lady Mavs defeated New Haven 15-2, 15-12, 15-6, and Ferris State 15-9, 14-16, 19-17, 15-2. UNO did not win a game in losing two matches to Portland State and Air Force in the championships in Lakeland, Fla.

UNO coaches said UNO's chances of hosting the tournament were given a boost by NCC rival St. Cloud State which won the Lewis (Ill.) Invitational Tournament, Nov. 22-23.

"We are really, really happy that St. Cloud won that tournament," UNO assistant coach Susie Homan said to the players at practice Nov. 26. Although the No. 10 Huskies lost to Ferris State in pool play, they came back to win the tournament, defeating No. 17 Florida International in the finals.

St. Cloud will travel to Northridge, Calif. to play No. 1 Cal State-Northridge in its match.

Connie Claussen, coordinator of women's athletics, said UNO men's basketball coach Bob Hanson had wanted to schedule its game against Doane for Friday. He rescheduled the game for Saturday night when he realized the volleyball team could bid for the regionals.

"He didn't want to go against Creighton-Nebraska," she said. Claussen said the Creighton-Nebraska basketball game in Lincoln Saturday could attract most of the local media. She added that Hanson, the father of two former schoolgirl athletes, sacrificed his sport for Lady Mavs volleyball.

"There are probably not a lot of men's basketball coaches in the country who would do that," she said.

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Lady Mavs 'working hard' to reach finals

By POLIDOROS C. PSERROS

The day after UNO learned it would host the NCAA Regional Volleyball Tournament, the Lady Mavs celebrated with a grueling practice.

"The thing that's going to get us where we want to go is defense, passing and serving," UNO coach Janice Kruger said at the end of last Wednesday's two-hour, 40-minute workout. "You have to work hard at all three," she added.

Last spring, the Lady Mavs set a goal of reaching the final four tournament Dec. 13-14 in Portland, Ore. They are two wins away.

"Everybody wants to go Portland," said UNO senior middle blocker Kathy Knudsen.

UNO faces No. 20 James Madison (Harrisonburg, Va.) at 8 p.m. Friday in the Fieldhouse. The game between No. 8 Ferris

"We're more out to prove ourselves.
We're a product of hard work."
—Kathy Knudsen

State (Big Rapids, Mich.) and No. 19 New Haven (Conn.) starts at 6 p.m. The finals are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

In 1983, UNO hosted the regionals and used it as a springboard to the final four tournament in Lakeland, Fla. It lost twice and didn't win a game.

"I'm excited," Kruger said. As of Sunday, she said she didn't know much about her opponents. She said she heard James Madison was scrappy; Ferris and New Haven had tall middle hitters.

A check of rosters reveal that New Haven and James Madison recruit heavily in New York. Ferris State recruits in Michigan. James Madison players are as tall as UNO's. UNO has only one six-footer, sophomore Lori Schutte; Ferris and New Haven are each taller with several players 5-foot-10 and taller.

In comparing this team to the tall and talented team of 1983, senior middle blocker Renee Rezac said, "we're a lot younger."

That team started four seniors, a junior and Knudsen, a sophomore. UNO starts two seniors, a junior and three sophomores. Sometimes, Schutte plays for Rezac.

"We're more out to prove ourselves," Knudsen added. "We're a product of hard work."

The 1983 team's success proved that one team was good enough to make it to the final four, Knudsen said. A second trip means something else.

"Then you know you have a good program," she said. Kruger hasn't had the team practice anything new since learning which teams it will face in Omaha. She said she might add some things when she talks to other coaches about those teams this week.

UNO has been practicing with sophomore Katy Ehrich at the setter's position in the front row. The 5-foot-7 Ehrich, who has played nearly every position at UNO, gives a stronger block than 5-foot-3 Angie Oswald. Kruger said St. Cloud exploited Oswald's height disadvantage, what the players call, "abused her," in its only loss in its last 25 matches. Since Oswald began setting full-time, UNO is 24-1.

UNO has been starting either Rezac or Schutte, Knudsen, Oswald, Allie Nuzum, Lisa Lyons and Regina Rule. UNO trainer Denise Fandel said only Rule, with a sore arm, is hurting but she said everyone should be available.

Knudsen said she wouldn't be happy if the season ends this weekend. She said she has relatives in Portland and she wants to play in front of them.

The trip to Portland starts Friday. "We have to play them one game at a time," Rezac said.



—Roger Tunis

UNO's Lisa Lyons (No. 13) spikes the ball against North Dakota State in the UNO Invitational volleyball tournament in November.

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